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Detained, Then Released



Mme. Irene Joliot-Curie, 50, noted French scientist, who was mysteriously detained by immigration authorities in New York on her arrival by air from Paris last week to start a US speaking tour, and a few hours later was released on orders of the Attorney-General.—AP Wirephoto.

Ban On U.S. Supplies To Russia

Washington, Mar. 29.—The House Foreign Affairs Committee gave its backing today to a foreign aid bill amendment to put extra controls on exports of strategic supplies to Russia.

Representative Mundt, South Dakota Republican, said the Committee voted overwhelmingly to support his amendment to the US\$9,205,000,000 aid bill. The amendment gives the Foreign Minister the right to veto any exports to Russia and her satellites when he considers it "in the national interest."

Although the administration it is claimed down on shipments of war potentials to Russia and other countries behind the Iron curtain, Mundt and other Congressmen have insisted that Congress provide additional protection.

His amendment still must be accepted by the House itself. Mundt said the vote might not take place till tomorrow.

The aid bill would use economic aid, plus American military science, in an effort to stem communism in Europe and Asia.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Let's Tell The World

A FAVOURITE slogan adopted by visiting diplomats, politicians and trade representatives is, "Make Hongkong Britain's Show-window of the Far East." Which is most appealing and makes us feel very smug and self-satisfied. It means we are capable of impressing our visitors; of making them feel that Hongkong is a place worth looking over—even stopping over. Lord Listowel recently indulged in fulsome praise of the Colony's beauties when he declared, "I gained the impression that Hongkong is a wonderful place, one of the most lovely places I have ever visited in the world.... I ask myself why that was the case and the answer was that it was because Hongkong is girded by a sea and nestles at the foot of the great hill that rests behind this wonderful and unique city." And it is recalled that Sir Leslie Booye and his trade mission to China colleagues voiced similar and just as emphatic sentiments about Hongkong; while those who come from the more chaotic parts of the Far East never cease to wonder, not only over our beauties of nature, but the manner in which we have rehabilitated the city and urban districts. The Colony might be excused if it had its head somewhat turned by these tributes. In truth, though, it would appear that we prefer to play the role of the shy and shrinking violet. We do not seem to want to believe all the nice

U.S. TO URGE TRUCE IN PALESTINE

Security Council Resolutions

JEWS GIVEN HINT

Lake Success, Mar. 29.—The American delegation to the United Nations has been instructed to press in the immediate future for a truce in Palestine and a special session of the General Assembly, a delegation spokesman said here today.

No decision had been taken on the submission to the Security Council of the American proposal for trusteeship, he added. This was taken as indicating that the United States might not bring the trusteeship plan before the Security Council, but might wait until the Assembly was called.

The United States was stated here to be ready to submit to the Security Council tomorrow two resolutions—one containing President Truman's call for a truce and the other calling for a

The report that Britain might decide to stay on in Palestine was reiterated today by the pro-Zionist newspaper, the New York Post.

"In a despatch from Lake Success," it said that if the Jewish Agency failed to yield to "pressure" to accept something less than partition, "some new drastic American or British move may be expected."

The war of nerves already is pointing in that direction.

"Reports continue that American troops may be committed to help enforce a temporary trusteeship of the Holy Land. The British, moreover, are letting it be known that they might consider staying on if the Jews and Arabs reached a truce,"—Reuter.

MOVES FOR A TRUCE

Jerusalem, Mar. 30.—At a Jerusalem news conference on Monday a Jewish agency spokesman indicated that "there is some move in religious circles to suggest a truce for Jerusalem."

In the same connection the spokesman warmly welcomed the reported appeal by Dr E. Garbett, Archbishop of York, and urged the United Nations to "take at once the steps necessary to save Jerusalem from destruction" which he feared might result from present Arab-Jewish strife.

Reiterating as a "timely Easter Monday warning" last week's Jewish agency "Peace for Palestine" appeal, which had been directed to the United Nations Palestine Commission

at Lake Success, the spokesman added: "We would also welcome any move on the part of Arabs to preserve the peace of Palestine and we would not care from which source these moves come, as long as we can absolutely rely on them."—Associated Press.

NOT BOMBS, BUT SHELLS

Jerusalem, Mar. 29.—The Palestine Government tonight denied its own earlier statement that a Jewish aircraft had bombed the Arab seaport of Jaffa from the air today. First reports said that three bombs landed near two schools in Jaffa, well outside the mortar range of Jewish gun positions on the borders of Tel-Aviv, and that the engine of the plane was heard shortly before it fell.

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The official Government announcement had said that three bombs, "thought to have been dropped by planes" landed near Freres School and the Greek Orthodox School in Jaffa early today. They caused slight damage to the buildings but no casualties were suffered.

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GOVERNMENT WARNING

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said he did not know anything about the air bombing, however.

During the Arab attack on the Jewish convoy south of Bethlehem during the weekend, four Jewish aircraft had dropped a score of anti-personnel bombs on the attacking Arabs, causing three casualties.

A blunt Palestine Government warning that the British security forces in Palestine will no longer rescue Jewish convoys if they continue to disregard British instructions and are attacked by Arabs was issued here today.

A British announcement said the convoy left Jerusalem without notifying the authorities of its arrangements. When the officer commanding the Second Infantry Brigade warned the convoy on its return journey that the road had been heavily blocked by Arabs and that it should return to the settlement of Kfar El Zion, his warning was ignored.

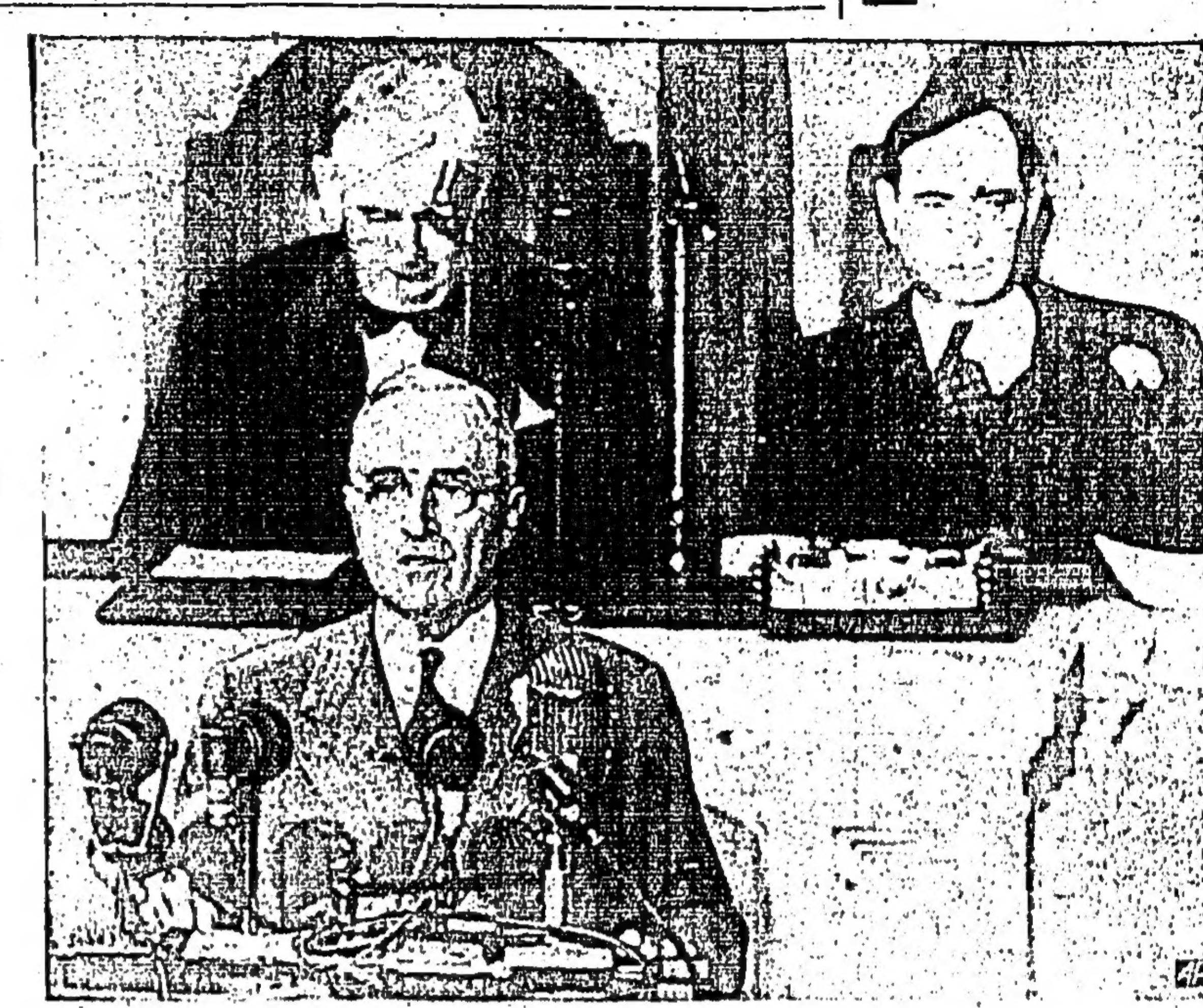
The announcement added that the rescue of the majority of the Jews was a direct result of the combined efforts by the Administration, the police and the Army in protracted negotiations with the Arab commanders.

OFFICERS RELEASED

Two British officers were freed today after being held captive for nearly 24 hours by armed Jews who had stolen their Army scout car near Benyamina, in Northern Palestine.

A British police sergeant and three British soldiers were seriously wounded and two other British soldiers slightly wounded by Arab snipers in Haifa last night. It was officially reported.

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Freedom Of The Press Call At Geneva

BRITAIN PRESENTS A CHARTER

Geneva, Mar. 29.—The press in the Soviet Union and the Eastern European States were compared today by Mr Hector McNeil, the Minister of State, with that in Franco Spain, when he addressed the 56-nation World Press Conference meeting here.

Mr McNeil was presenting a draft seek, receive and impart, information, wide acceptance of British principles of freedom of expression and information to the Conference.

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Addresses Congress

REVIVAL OF MILITARY LEND-LEASE PREDICTED

Washington, Mar. 29.—A revival of military lend-lease to Britain and other members of the Western European Union is being discussed by officials in Washington and is one of the most frequently debated topics of leading newspaper columnists.

The Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, declined last week to comment on the subject, except to say that over a considerable period of time the United States had received requests from the French Government for equipment.

Military lend-lease is regarded by some observers here as the next stage in the Truman Doctrine of "containing" Soviet expansion.

The first stage was the emergency action, beginning in March, 1947, to save Greece and Turkey from falling into the Soviet orbit.

The second stage was the Marshall Plan to prevent European nations from succumbing to Communism as a result of economic collapse.

The third stage began with the formation of the Western European Union at Brussels.

The fourth is the rearmament of the United States through conscription and increased military equipment.

The fifth stage would be the provision of arms to Western European nations to fill the military vacuum created by the lack of equipment of the Western European armies, particularly France.

No reference to military lend-lease-as-such-has-been-made-in-any-official pronouncements, despite widespread press discussions.

IMPORTANCE OF TIMING

The timing of any such pronouncements is regarded here as of vital importance in view of Congressional reaction. If a military lend-lease programme were put to Congress before the conscription programme has been substantially dealt with, the lend-lease programme might be seized on as a politically tempting substitute, making conscription unnecessary.

Much of the press speculation centres on military aid to France, which is known to have some 650,000 men available in the French forces but to be seriously short of equipment and supplies.

Officials of the French Embassy described talks of such a programme as premature until the Western European powers had had an opportunity of filling in the details of their military alliance.

An entirely unconfirmed report attributes the Department of National Defence a plan for the expansion of the Royal Air Force with the help of new American planes designed to make it the most powerful defence and striking force in Europe.—Reuter.

16 PERISH IN FIRE

Bombay, Mar. 29.—Sixteen people were killed, 25 injured, and about 1,000 houses were destroyed by a fire in a Hindu-Moslem conflict at Godhra, 200 miles north of Bombay, the Home Minister, Mr Morarji Desai, of the Bombay Government told the Bombay Legislative Assembly today.

The trouble started, he said, when refugees from Pakistan made a procession on March 28 and the police had to open fire before order was restored. Two policemen were hurt.

Sixty houses were set on fire the next day and the fire spread over a wide area.

Mr Desai said Hindus and Moslems suffered more or less equally as fires, once started, make no discrimination between one community and another."—Reuter.

HOW RUMANIA VOTED

Bucharest, Mar. 29.—Rumania's first poll as a Republic to elect a new Constituent Assembly showed a 75 per cent majority for the Popular Democratic Front—a Government bloc of the United Workers (including the Communists), the Labourers Front, the National Popular Party and the Hungarian Popular Union.

More than 80 percent of the electorate participated. In those constituencies which it contested, the Liberal Party, led by M. Petru Groza, polled about 10 per cent of the total votes. About 10 per cent of the votes were declared null and void.—Reuter.

Blunt Iranian Protest To Russia

Tehran, Mar. 29.—It was revealed in Tehran on Monday night that Iran has bluntly asked Russia for an end to "bad propaganda" which is "detrimental to both countries."

In a strongly worded note to the Russian Embassy in Tehran the Iranian government protested Russia's attitude.

The Iranian Foreign Office spoke of the continuance of "unfriendly views toward Iranian policy by individuals and quarters related to the Soviet government."

The Iranian note specifically mentioned "baseless statements" by Professor Sieberg...accusing Premier Hakimi of being an old enemy of the Soviet Union.

The note continued: "The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs finds it

Tunnel Explosion:

22 Killed

Manila, Mar. 29.—Twenty-two people were killed in an explosion in a tunnel at Corregidor, near Manila. Sixteen men of the Philippine Army were among the victims. The explosion was caused by a gigantic booby trap bomb inside the navy tunnel on Cor

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America Today:

WOMEN PLAN REVOLUTION

By C. V. R. Thompson

NEW YORK,

THE American woman, already the most pampered on earth, is still not satisfied. It is not enough that her kitchen work has been cut almost to nothing by gadgets which do her washing, ironing, cooking, and even her dishes.

She wants to abolish the kitchen altogether. In militant speeches at a Washington feminist rally women called for a domestic revolution, just as sweeping as the industrial revolution, to end for all time women's subservience to man.

"The American home," said Edith Stern, a career woman, "is obsolete. It is the only part of the whole American economy where one person has to do everything."

The endless procession of chores is utterly distracting and unnecessary. The mechanical gadget is just the old-fashioned spinning wheel in modern dress."

Her solution—meals should be prepared in a common kitchen and delivered when wanted through dumb-waiters.

THE WAR between men and women was also being fought out in a suburban New York high school. Boys, objecting to the growing popularity of the New Look among their favourite girls, appeared in Prince Albert clothes they had bought from a pawnshop and threatened to stay that way until the girls go modern again.

BECAUSE of the price slide it now costs £7 15s. to feed a New York family of five each week, instead of £6 15s. a month ago.

YOUNGSTERS IN LOVE usually build castles in the sky, but teen-agers Linda Estabrook and Edward Cramer looted them. According to New York police, who arrested them, they rode the elevated trains looking for likely penthouses, usually homes of the wealthy, to rob. They had planned to marry, and Cramer said he had bought a wedding ring for £60. The police asked him to produce it. He said: Somebody stole it.

It is also believed that the housewife is finishing this winter with more coal in the cellar than last year.

Neither men nor women appear to be in any great hurry to buy new spring clothes.

Leading London shops are doing little business.

Women say that costumes and coats are better coupon value than dresses, which can be worn only on sunny days.

Popular colours

Defiant reds and other vivid colours are more popular than quiet shades. A woman explained, "Delicately coloured fabrics spend too much time at the cleaners."

Men stood outside a Piccadilly hat shop staring at—but not buying—bright scarlet velvets. However, the shop manager said imperturbably, "Once they started at bright green hats, but they wear plenty of them now."

We have not sold a scarlet hat yet nor are our 'rose' and old gold hats doing well, but pale blue is in demand."

Water authorities watching shrinking reservoir levels are worrying about drought.

The greater part of the country has been without rain for nearly three weeks.

BEAUTIFUL NEW UNIFORMS for America's Air Force are being held up by Chief-of-Staff General Carl Spaatz. The cap would use feathers to designate rank—swiftness for a pilot-officer, a falcon's wings for a wing-commander, and so on up. But Spaatz, who would have to wear two eagles' wings, expressed his refusal, in language he picked up in Britain, to go around looking like a bird-snatcher just expelled from the Save Our Feathered Friends Society.

OPINION: Columnist Earl Wilson thinks Joe Louis' English tour is a novelty because it is the first time an American has gone to England to show off his title.

HEALTH: Sales of aspirin in America are up 400 percent.

SPORTS: At 31 Ted Atkinson has become the champion U.S. jockey of all time. On 10,215 mounts he has won 1,063 firsts, 1,479 seconds and 1,294 thirds, collecting £1,250,644 for his employers and £25,000 a year for himself.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONE of those earnest russians whose hard, high, mirthless laughter is like a cold bath in winter has suggested that the moment you say you feel happy, you're happy.

Auto-suggestion, as the stock-broker said when the actress stroked his new mammoth ear, and said shyly, "How lovely it must be, Mr. Carson, to own one of those?" The ruffian's idea is so false, and, moreover, so mischievous that the pen refuses its office. The nib jabs. The ink turns sour, and far away in a leafy lane, where the tiny beer-crest heralds the approach of spring with a cascade of silvery melody, somebody's old mother smiles through her tears in one of those off-the-head hats which reveal the line of the forehead.

Echhu—

HAVING decided to give the three Persians another chance, Mr. Colin Velvette devised a kind of interlude which would leave them the stage to themselves. "You represent," he said, "the incautability of things." "Do we?" replied Ashura, sulkily. "The 'ups and downs,' the motion of the see-saw is symbolical of life with its changes and chances." The three exchanged glances. "O Mahager," said Karzubah, "last time we was of

being sombillec they hath banged against our plonk. We play a simple game, ho yes, and what is this oncolenbullity, please?" "Never mind," said Velvette. "Just play it as a game; with music, of course."

"Not music, thanks," said Ashura. "My dear fellows," said Velvette, "you can't expect a bullet audience to watch silent see-saw." "We was not caring," said Rizamughan. "If they watch?" "Hall of them may go home," added Ashura grandly. "One feels you've got the wrong idea, actu-er-definitely," said Velvette.

Let the schoolmen settle it.

THE mention of the always reminds me of that question which has been so hotly debated for so many years, and never settled satisfactorily. Which would you rather be, a man with a small hat and thin whiskers or a man with a fat hat and small whiskers? The more you think about it, the more difficult it becomes to make up your mind. Both would need so much explaining to people.

A hint to dandies

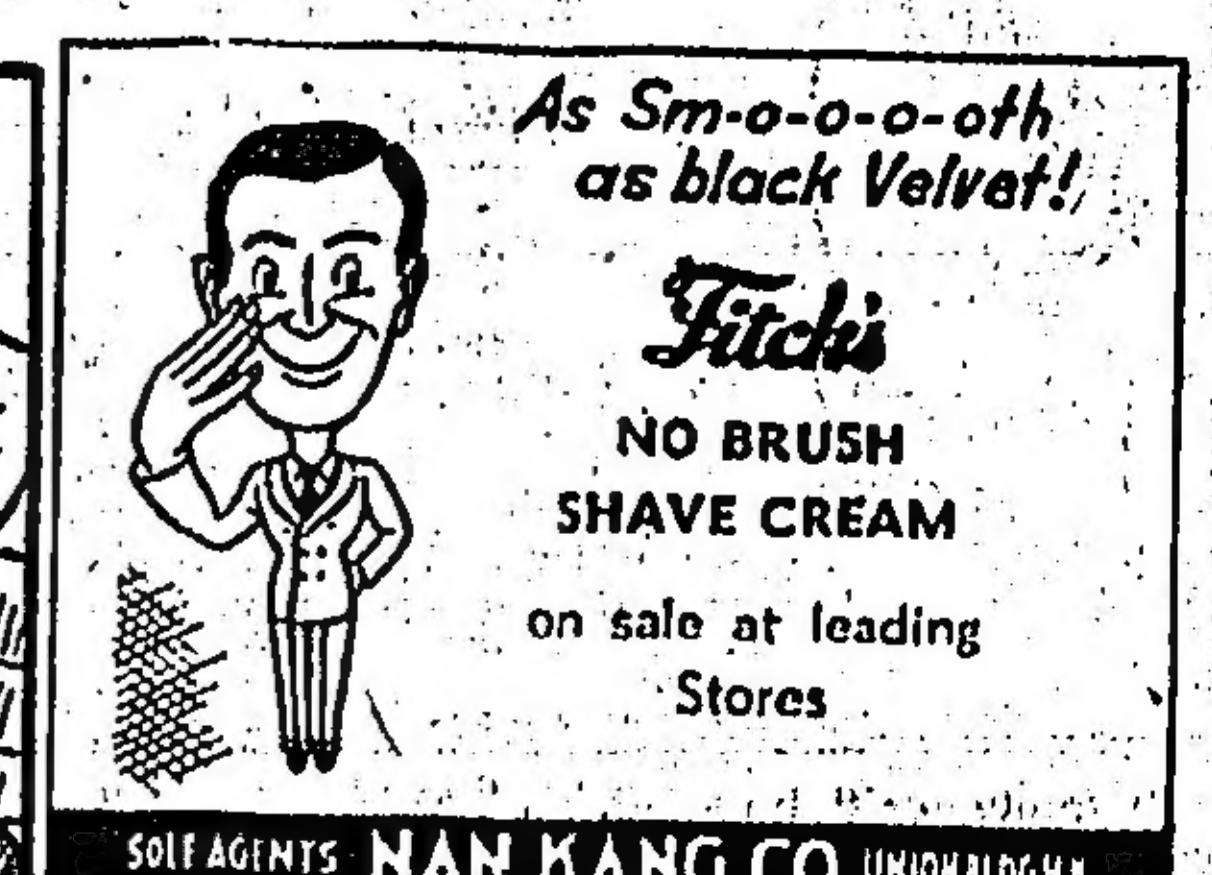
A stickler for rigid convention (The last devotee of the snat) has suggested tin trousers to go with The little round wickerwork hat.



NANCY Somebody Else Is Going to Get Tanned



By Ernie Bushmiller



Womem This Space Every Day

BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Try out ideas for doing over your dresses.

WHAT LENGTH?

Everywhere, every day, women are asking just what length their new clothes should be. Who decides, should I lengthen my dresses, what about those which cannot be lengthened? Let's have the answers!

So I'll tell you what I think. I attend fashion shows in many places, even write them and commentate at many of them. In New York models are shown at what now looks to us like a normal length—thirteen or fourteen inches from the floor for the average daytime dress. Nine or ten inches from the floor for cocktail suits or afternoon dresses.

The teen age crowd dashed in for long, long coats and long, long ballerina skirts, wearing them with the flat heeled shoes—and what a horrible sight met our eyes! Now the teens are wearing

high heels or shortening their coats and skirts.

If you have a favourite suit or dress which defies lengthening—wear it, and rest assured that thousands of women are doing the same.

For simple black dresses, add a fold of net at the hemline but also introduce the net somewhere on the bodice to tie it up with the idea. A black wool can be cleverly lengthened with a false hem, covered with three bands of braid, the neckline bordered with the matching braid and three narrow strips of matching braid can be plaited together for a handsome belt. There are ways and means!

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



To make an attractive piece of furniture out of an old-fashioned wash stand, paint it a bright colour, perhaps outlining the drawers and doors in gold.

You may be sure that your pillows need renovating if, when you pound them, dust flies and the quills come through.

When you wax mahogany furniture, be sparing with the wax, and apply it across the grain. Polish by rubbing with the grain.

Mothers should watch to see that no tragedy occurs, when toddlers sail boats in the family bathtub. The youngster may lean too far over and slip into the tub, and cases of drowning have been recorded. A safer place for tiny children to do their sailing is in a small galvanized steel tub which may be set in a place where mother can see them while she goes about her household duties.

If you are washing a coloured garment for the first time, you can determine whether or not it is colourfast by washing it by itself. Should the water be tinted by it, you will know enough to always wash the article separately.

Try the effect of a triple-strand pearl necklace to beautify your throat and then match your skin tone to their pearl perfection! A cream foundation first, then liquid powder in a lighter shade. Blot well and pat on face powder to match the cream foundation.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"I know we'll have a full attendance at next month's meeting—not only will we discuss income taxes, but there will be refreshments!"

NERVE CENTRE OF UN WORK IN ORIENT

Shanghai is today described as the nerve centre of United Nations activity in this part of the world. Nine UN departments and organisations, housed in the former Japanese consular premises in Whangpoo Road, are handling activities ranging from economic planning and health promotion to refugee re-settlement and labour-management promotion.

RECEIVES MEDAL AFTER 35 YEARS

Marching does not come easy when one is 80 years of age. So when the RSM's voice boomed over the barrack-square: "On parade, and make it snappy," ex-serviceman W.O.H. Smithurst, of Newport, Monmouthshire, braced himself as smartly as his 80 years would permit and paraded.

It happened thus. Whilst serving in the Royal Welch Fusiliers in 1913 the Colonel called in Smithurst and referred to a rather fine piece of soldiering on his part, adding that he was to be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. His paybook was duly endorsed, and that was the last he heard of it until quite recently.

Then came the momentous news that Smithurst was to receive his coveted decoration. The authorities got busy and invited him to the Castle of Newport. There the Welsh Regiment were paraded on the square, with Brigadier C.F.C. Colman at the saluting base.

NEVER A WRONG FOOT

Smithurst had already taken his place between two stalwart sergeants-majors. At the word of command, all three advanced towards the Brigadier, taking the regulation pace in a sharp, brisk march. They say that the "Old Soldier" never put a foot wrong.

Details of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal were read out to the assembled company. Then the Brigadier pinned the medal on Smithurst's coat lapel, shook him warmly by the hand and congratulated him amid salutations from the Regiment.

There have been cases in the last few years of the medal's award to men who had left the Army up to 39 years before. Only when a holder dies is there a vacancy. It was only the recent death of a MSM holder that enabled Smithurst to receive his award after all these years.

Chinese Phase Of Reynolds Expedition

The Chinese phase of the expedition to be carried out to the Amne Machin mountain by Milton Reynolds, millionaire fountain pen manufacturer, and the Boston Museum of Science, will extend beyond merely exploring the summit of the great unscaled peak and the sources of the Yellow River, according to Dr Adam Pen-tung Sah, Secretary-General of Academia Sinica.

Dr Sah, who heads the Chinese committee co-operating with the Reynolds party, says his group will concentrate more on the geography and topography of the provinces of Szechuan, Kansu, Chingshui, Sikang and Shensi, "regions of immense importance" to China.

This survey will aim at securing such data as the contours of various mountain ranges, special land formations, the distribution of people, the fauna and flora of those specific regions and the river systems.

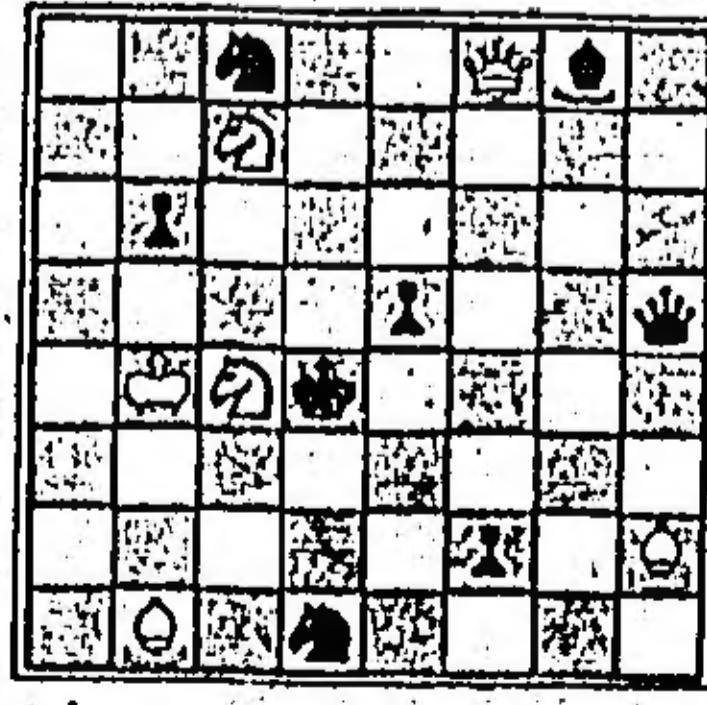
This information, reports Reuter, is not available at present and is necessary for the rehabilitation and reconstruction work of China.

All the expenses for the expedition are being borne by the sponsors. The Chinese committee, however, is furnishing all necessary technical data, such as weather reports and geographical material.

"Without this special topographical data in our possession it is difficult to see how the aerial expedition can achieve its objective," a Chinese official said.—Reuter.

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q—K5; any; 2. Q, R, or Ke mates.

Still in the process of filling out their organisations, the UN groups in Shanghai are reported to be working on comprehensive programmes for the betterment of China and the Far East.

The organisations now operating from Shanghai are:

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), United Nations Appeal For Children (UNAC), International Labour Organisation (ILO), International Refugee Organisation, Far East Office and Shanghai Branch Office (IRO), International Children's Emergency Fund (ICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Health Organisation (WHO), and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

A United Nations Information Centre was established in Shanghai last June as one of a chain of information offices set up throughout the world for the double purpose of informing the public of the work of the organisation and gauging the changes of public opinion on the affairs, interests and aims of the organisation.

With the dissolution of UNRRA, specialised agencies of the UN are carrying on part of its work. For example, the IRO in Shanghai is handling the registration and repatriation of refugees and stateless persons along lines laid by UNRRA. The ILO has long been functioning in China in connection with the problems and needs of labour, while the WHO is doing work related to the advancement of world health in connection to sending Chinese medical men on fellowships abroad.

Handling the job of economic planning for the countries of Asia and the Far East devastated by war is another UN organ—the ECAFE, which held its first meeting in Shanghai last June and its second in Baguio, Philippines, last November.

One of the largest specialised agencies of the United Nations is UNESCO, which last year held the study conference concerning fundamental education in Nanking. This conference was a facet of its numerous functions, which include promotion of international understanding through readers seminars and furthering about education in an international study centre.

Landy realised now that if he used the Blackwood convention his partner's response might indicate that he had two aces, but if one of them was the ace of clubs it would not help him. Cue bidding would not be of much advantage, so he decided to take a stab-in-the-dark and bid six hearts. He figured that even if West held the ace of diamonds and ace of clubs, he might make the mistake against six hearts of opening the ace of clubs.

A great many of the teams stopped at five hearts after employing the Blackwood convention.

Landy had a little problem in the play. When West held the opening lead and continued with the ace of diamonds, Landy trumped with the four of hearts. He felt sure West did not have the ace of clubs in addition to the ace and king of diamonds, first, because West had passed on the first round of bidding, and second, he probably would have doubled six hearts.

So Landy played a small heart to the ace and led the king of clubs.

East went up with the ace, Landy trumped, picked up the outstanding trumps and had two good clubs and a diamond in dummy, on which to discard his two losing spades.

The "in-between" suburban zone, however, still has over 500,000 more inhabitants than the planners would like.

A big drop in the "Inner Core" of London, within six miles of the centre, since the beginning of the war, has brought the population down from 4,013,000 in 1939 to 3,300,000 today.

The outer fringe—the "country area" between 12 and 25 miles out, including semi-rural areas—now has 1,986,000 people compared with 1,878,000 in 1939.

The intermediate zone, from six to 12 miles from the centre, has shown little change, increasing only from 3,989,000 to 4,079,000.—Associated Press.

The survey will aim at securing

such data as the contours of various

mountain ranges, special land for-

mations, the distribution of people,

the fauna and flora of those specific

regions and the river systems.

This information, reports Reuter, is not available at present and is necessary for the rehabilitation and reconstruction work of China.

All the expenses for the expedition are being borne by the sponsors. The Chinese committee, however, is furnishing all necessary technical data, such as weather reports and geographical material.

"Without this special topographical data in our possession it is difficult to see how the aerial expedition can achieve its objective," a Chinese official said.—Reuter.

REUTER

Diamond Bigger Than Koh-i-noor

Bombay, Mar. 29.—An Indian Maharajah has imported from the United States a diamond rivaling the world-famous Koh-i-noor, the tabloid newspaper "Bombay Sentinel" said today.

The report did not identify the purchaser, who is described as "Maharajah of a large Indian state" and who is said to have paid US\$2,000,000 for the diamond, which weighs 107 carats.

The transaction is the biggest in the history of the Bombay diamond market, the report said.

The Koh-i-noor was said to have weighed 180 carats when it was first acquired by the Persian conqueror, Nadir Shah, but after it passed into the hands of the East India Company and was presented to Queen Victoria it was recut at Amsterdam and now weighs 106 carats.

The famous Hope diamond, acquired by an American collector, weighed 44 carats and the original purchase price was reported to have been US\$100,000.—United Press.

SUBPOENA IGNORED BY LEWIS

Washington, Mar. 29.—John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mineworkers Union, today advised a Government fact-finding board of his "disinclination" to attend a hearing on the causes of the nation-wide coal strike in the United States.

Lewis replied to the board's invitation only three minutes before the deadline set by the chairman, Judge Sherman Minton. The board immediately issued a subpoena for Lewis' appearance later in the day.

If Lewis should ignore the subpoena, the fact-finding board might seek a court order directing him to appear.

Lewis claimed in effect that the Taft-Hartley Act, under which the board was appointed, had not been violated by the strike.

The 400,000 soft coal miners who are led by Lewis have been on strike for a fortnight in support of his demand for pensions to be taken from miners' welfare fund.

President Truman set up the fact-finding board last week and Lewis, who failed to appear at the board's first meeting on Friday, said he would do so today when he had studied the legal aspects of the case.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 29.—John L. Lewis tonight ignored a subpoena to appear before a Government fact-finding board investigating the cause of the two-weeks old strike.—Reuter.

MILAN TENSION

Milan, Mar. 29.—Tension was increasing in Milan tonight after Communist Party loudspeakers reported to city crowds the shooting of three Communists earlier today at nearby Somaglia.

A Communist was shot dead and two others seriously wounded in Somaglia when local youths attacked a group of workers.—Reuter.

LAUNCH RESCUED BY LIFEBOAT

London, Mar. 29.—An SOS sounded on a siren and red flares today brought a Margate lifeboat to the rescue of an ex-harbor launch which had gone aground on a sandbank with four men on board.

The launch, undamaged, was towed into Margate harbour and its crew, who were uninjured, will probably continue their journey in it from Medway to Scotland.—Associated Press.

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BURMA TO STAMP OUT COMMUNISTS

Rangoon, Mar. 29.—The Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, declared today that the Government would take "ruthless action" to eliminate the Burmese Communist Party.

The Premier's statement came after police had arrested 300 people and raided pickets engaged in an alleged Communist-inspired strike here.

ATOMIC CONTROL

RUSSIAN PLAN TO BE REJECTED

Lake Success, Mar. 29.—A four-power proposal to reject the Soviet suggestions for atomic control was supported by four other nations in the United Nations Atomic Energy Committee today, ensuring more than the seven votes needed.

Britain, Canada, France and China submitted the rejection of the Soviet plan, which has been under discussion since it was put forward last June, on the grounds that it was useless and would not eliminate the danger of an atomic war.

The United States, Belgium, Colombia and Argentina representatives spoke in support of the rejection.

Mr. Richard Miles, on behalf of the four powers submitting the rejection, said in the Working Committee that "no useful purpose can be served" by further discussion of the Soviet proposals.

Mr. Miles, who is the British delegate, read a four-power statement proposing rejection of the Soviet plan.

Gromyko's Accusation

At the same Committee meeting earlier in the day, M. Andrei Gromyko, speaking for nearly an hour, repeated the charge that the United States, and to a lesser extent Great Britain, were deliberately trying to wreck any real international control of atomic energy.

"This cool and calculated line of militaristic American circles is harmful to the maintenance of peace," he declared, adding that if anyone nursed the hope that the Soviet Union would abandon the basic principles of its plan, their expectations were in vain.

M. Gromyko stressed that the problem of control was foremost a political problem and once settlement was reached, technical difficulties would be smoothed out.—Reuter.

GHOST HUNTER DEAD

Pulborough, Sussex, Mar. 29.—Harry Price, Britain's best known "ghost hunter," died here today, aged 67.

Price, who was honorary secretary of the University of London Council for Psychical Investigation (formerly the National Laboratory of Psychical Research, of which he was founder), investigated large numbers of houses said to be haunted.

He broadcast in 1936 a description of his visit in a cellar for the ghost of Dean Manor, an ancient house in Kent. He told listeners how the temperature rose and fell suddenly for no apparent reason—but no ghost appeared.—Reuter.

Employees of four British-owned companies who have been out for about three weeks in a strike are said today by the semi-official Burmese Review to be "engineered by the Communists to throw the country into disorder."

The newspaper said the Communists intended to "paralyze the Government and create civil commotion" and "having thus prepared the ground, the Communists hope to step into power."

The Secretary-General of the Burmese Communist Party, Thakin Tun, and other party officials on the police "wanted list" were still at large today.

A police inspector was stabbed and several people injured in yesterday's raid on pickets outside the supply depot of the British-owned Burma Oil Company.

Broadcasting over Rangoon Radio today, the Premier said his Government held conclusive proof that the Communists were trying to seize power by force of arms.

Both the White and Red Flag Communists (both banned parties) had combined forces to start an armed insurrection, he said.—Reuter.

ADMISSION TO U.N.

Lake Success, Mar. 29.—The Security Council's Committee on the admission of new members agreed today to recommend Burma for membership of the United Nations.

The Committee agreed, without a formal vote, to report to the Council that Burma fulfilled the necessary qualifications.

The Charter requires that new member states shall be peace-loving, accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the opinion of the organization, be able and willing to carry out these obligations.

Representatives of Britain, Syria, the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union, Belgium, Ukraine and China spoke in support of Burma's admission.

Dr. Rodolfo Munoz (Argentina) reserved the position of his delegation, which had not yet received instructions.

The Argentine delegation had, he said, some objection to the present procedure for the admission of new members, and reserved the right to study the question further without taking a stand now on Burma's application.

The French delegation said his delegation also had not yet received instructions, but he supported Burma's application provisionally.

CHINAS' COMMENT

The Chairman, Dr. Shu-hai Hsu, speaking as representative for China, said Burma had made some "mistakes" at the initial stage of the war but soon had joined the struggle for freedom and had helped the Allies by harassing the Japanese from the rear.

Burma's application was the first to be considered under the amended rules providing that any application shall contain a declaration "made in a formal instrument" that the applicant accepts the obligations contained in the Charter.

Mr. Valentine G. Lawford, for Britain, warmly supported Burma's application.—Reuter.

PALESTINE TRUCE

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"Unless appropriate steps" are taken, the Christian holy places in Jerusalem may not be in existence next year, a Jewish Agency spokesman said here today.

Welcoming the appeal by Dr. Cyril Garbett, the Archbishop of York, for peace in Jerusalem, the spokesman said the Jewish Agency would consider any positive reaction on the subject of a truce in Jerusalem from any representative Arab source so long as they could absolutely rely on that source.

The responsibility for any proposals regarding Jerusalem rests with the United Nations, the spokesman added.

Dr. Hussain Khalidi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, said here today: "If any danger exists at all to the sacred places in Jerusalem, it comes from Zionist aggression."

CAR BLOWN UP

Dr. Garbett, he said, could rest assured that the Arabs would shed their blood in the defense of Christians, Moslem and Jewish holy places. He added the Archbishop should direct a warning to supporters of Jewish terrorism who "initiated the bombing of buildings over the heads of innocent people."

Six Jews and one Jewess were killed when their armoured car was blown up during an attack on an Arab village in the area of Lydda, the international airport.

A group of 737 Jewish illegal immigrants into Palestine left Haifa for Cyprus on board the ferry ship Empire Rival. They had been brought into harbour in the Yehiam, a single-masted schooner with an auxiliary engine, intercepted by the Royal Navy yesterday 65 kilometres off Palestine.—Reuter.

Customs' Big Haul

London, Mar. 29.—Customs officials found more than 2,000 watches and many hundreds of English banknotes in an aircraft which landed at Lympne, Kent, after a journey from the Continent.

The pilot was questioned and a man will appear at the Hythe court on Thursday, accused of smuggling and currency offences.—Reuter.



WORLD SPORT:

England Meets Disaster After Promising Start

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 29.—England were all out for 227 in their first innings of the cricket Test match here today.

In 90 minutes before lunch today, England scored only 38 runs and lost four more wickets in the fourth and final match with the West Indies here, and so the scoreboard showed 221 for nine wickets at the lunch interval.

This was due to grand bowling and fielding by the West Indies rather than to stonewalling by England, who found the pace bowling of Kentish and Johnson too much for them.

England's disaster today began when Kentish joined the attack, for Kent was brilliantly run out when the West Indies captain, John Goddard, threw down the wicket from square leg. Then Kentish had Allen and Evans caught, and Johnson, in the last over before lunch, not Laker enough.

Meanwhile, Howorth, who had received weak-end treatment for boils in his ear, offered a determined resistance to prevent the West Indies from completing the dismissal of England before lunch.

The French delegate said his delegation also had not yet received instructions, but he supported Burma's application provisionally.

CREDIT TO WEST INDIES

The finish of the England innings was not long delayed after the lunch interval, Johnson bowling Tremlett to put England all out for 227. This was poor total after that first wicket stand of 120, but West Indies deserve every credit for, in square leg, beating the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Cottage Rake, owned by E. L. Vickerman, by 15 lengths, with Mr. F. S. Myerscough's Fear Cruid, a further length away third in a strong field of 17 runners.

Ridden by Eddie Kennedy and starting at six to one, Hamstar won easily, the six-to-four favourite, Cottage Rake, finding his weight burden of 175 pounds too much for him in the closing stages.

Caughoo, winner of the Aintree Grand National in 1946, was in the rear.—Reuter.

U.S. SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sun Valley, Idaho, Mar. 29.—Jack Reddish, Salt Lake City Olympic team skier, swept every men's event of the national ski championships here on a basis of unofficial results.

Yves Latrille, of Quebec, Canada, was rated second and Dick Movitz, of Salt Lake City, third.

Suzy Harris, of Salt Lake City, won the first place in the women's division. Grace Lindley, of Minnesota, was second and Jannette Burr, of Seattle, third.—United Press.

EASTER SOCCER

London, Mar. 29.—The Easter holiday soccer fixtures which were completed today did little to clarify the promotion and relegation problems of the English Leagues, owing to the remarkable evenness of the results.

Only four of the 88 clubs gained the full six Easter points—Sheffield Wednesday, now League II promotion contenders; Queen's Park Rangers, still on top of the Third Division; South; Rotherham, who drew level with Lincoln at the head of the Third Division; Northern; and Stockport County.

Preston North End, Torquay United, Southend, Rochdale and Tranmere failed to salvage a point from their holiday games.

Sunderland beaten at Wolverhampton today by a last-minute goal by Smyth, look the most likely team to accompany doomed Grimsby Town into the Second Division.

One of the biggest bloopers of the Easter soccer was suffered by the Cup finalists, Blackpool, who had Stanley Matthews (bruised toe) and Stanley Mortensen (bruised knee) injured.

Without these two stars, Blackpool were beaten by the odd goal at Derby.

Less settled weather today brought a drop in attendances, yet nearly 3,000,000 soccer fans saw the holiday programme.—Reuter.

FRANCE'S RUGBY WIN

Paris, Mar. 29.—England finished at the bottom of the International Rugby Union championship as the result of their defeat by France by 15 points (one goal) and one dropped goal (two tries) to zero in the last International of the season, played before 65,000 spectators at the Colombes Stadium here today.

England scored only one point from their four matches. France's win this time into second place in the table with the same number of points as Scotland.

France owed their victory today mainly to the overwhelming

Franco Speech Gives No Hope For Changes

Madrid, Mar. 29.—Generalissimo Francisco Franco, speaking on the ninth anniversary of his capture of Madrid in the Spanish civil war, today deplored Spain's exclusion from the plan of rehabilitation of Western Europe and reaffirmed her stand against Communism.

Franco spoke for 19 minutes from the balcony of his residence, El Pardo, to 4,500 cadets belonging to the Falange Party youth organisation. The occasion was the date on which Madrid, Valencia and other cities of Southern Spain were captured by the Nationalists during the Civil War.

would come when those nations which now oppose Spain and its regime "will all be rubbing elbows together in the same trench."

Children Sent To Russia

He said the Spanish example in defeating Communism had been ignored by the world, "wherefore 12 European nations are now experiencing the Communists."

He recalled how thousands of Spanish children were transported to Russia during the civil war.

"We did not care about the gold stolen from us," he said. "But the children, yes."

Now, Franco continued, the children of other European nations were being stolen by Communism. He said the world was suffering a "spiritual eclipse" but that Spain was ten years ahead of other nations because of its civil war, which he described as a "crusade."

"It would be necessary to destroy us before we could be made to forget the glorious deeds of our civil war. Today, 28,000,000 Spaniards give peace and prosperity to our country. Other nations have an enemy in their very homes."

One Captain

He then deplored foreign political attempts to "achieve our disunion" and likened Spain to a ship with a loyal crew of all Spaniards aboard, taking orders from one captain.

He praised the "mad genius of the Spanish race," which had produced such leaders as Cervantes. He said the nation was blessed that could produce such "locos" (or lunatics) as Cervantes, Columbus, Cortes, Pizarro, Loyola and others.

He concluded with the Falangist cry: "Arriba Espana!"

Political observers believe that Franco's speech, in addition to reaffirming his loyalty to the tenets and principles of the revolution, also signifies his determination to continue in control of Spain, especially in view of the Communist threat to the world.